

Opioids include medications prescribed for pain relief and illegal drugs like heroin. Nonmedical use, also known as misuse of opioid drugs, no matter how they are produced, can lead to addiction, dependence, arrest and incarceration, and fatal or nonfatal overdose.

## Use of Illegal Opioid Drugs

*f* Heroin, nonpharmaceutical fentanyl compounds, and opium are the most common illegal opioids in the United States.

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